GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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NON-PAYMENT OF DAILY ALLOWANCES TO ATHLETES
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the daily allowance/pocket money and other facilities provided to the Olympics contingent;

(b) whether India`s best athletes left for the recently held Athens Olympics without daily allowance as reported in the Indian Express dated August 6, 2004;

(c) if so, the details and facts thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT)

(a) Government had sanctioned a total amount of Rs.66.08 lakhs to the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) towards participation of Indian Contingent cleared at Government cost and approved the following items of expenditure:-

i) Out of Pocket Allowance @ USD50 per person/day to players and their coaches and Out of Pocket Allowance @ USD40 per person/day to supporting personnel
ii) Ceremonial Dress @ Rs.10,000 per person for Indian Contingent and Rs.7,500 per person for 2 youth campers
iii) Competition Kit @ Rs.2,500 per player
iv) Hiring of Rowing Boat - USD10,000/-
v) Hiring & allied expenses for Yachting Boat - USD 18,700/-
vi) Practice Ammunition for Shooters - USD5,000/-
vii) Boarding and Lodging @ Euro 150 per person/day and Air Passage cost for 2 personal coaches/training partners. Subject to conditions that these persons are not being paid assistance for coaching fee, etc. from any of the other Government Schemes.

In addition, assistance for excess baggage for sports-persons of Archery, Hockey, Shooting @ 20 kg for both ways and @ 10 kg for both ways for the remaining sports-persons of the Indian Contingent was also sanctioned

(b) to (d) : The formal proposal for participation of Indian Contingent in the Olympic Games starting on 13th August, 2004 was received from the IOA on 7.7.2004 and 29.7.2004. Accordingly Government, based on approved norms, issued the financial sanction for Rs.66.08 lakhs on 31st July, 2004. Cheques of Rs.21,21,408/- and Rs.24,17,744/- were also handed over to IOA on 9th August, 2004 and 10th August, 2004 respectively. Separately a decision to revise upwards norms for out of pocket allowance for players and coaches was taken. Accordingly, additional amount was sanctioned. A cheque of Rs.7,94,430/- towards increased out of pocket allowance @ USD50 to players and coaches was also handed over to IOA on 25th August, 2004.

The IOA has informed that they have remitted Euro 25,000 and Euro 70,000 on 10th and 11th August, 2004 respectively for the Indian Contingent to Olympic Games.